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SUBJECT: GOVERNING MAYOR'S MEETINGS WITH SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL
AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO GDR

1. SHORTLY AFTER SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL SHARKOV'S LONG-DELAYED
OFFICIAL
CALL (BERLIN 1551), GOVERNING MAYOR SCHEDULED SEPARATE LUNCHESES
OCTOBER
9 WITH SHARKOV AND OCTOBER 10 WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR
YEFREMOV, WHICH, HE EXPLAINED TO MINISTER SOMEWHAT TORTUOUSLY, WERE
DESIGNED TO EMPHASIZE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE FUNCTIONS
OF THE TWO.

2. ACCORDING TO GOVERNING MAYOR, LUNCH WITH SHARKOV
WAS DELIBERATELY STAGED IN PUBLIC VIEW AT HOTEL
AND WAS REGARDED BY GOVERNING MAYOR SIMPLY AS ACT OF
HOSPITALITY. THREE-SENTENCE
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DISCUSSED WAS SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN

VARIOUS EVENTS IN BERLIN, INCLUDING GREEN WEEK AND CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS.

2. LUNCH WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR AT SENAT GUEST HOUSE RECIPROCATED SIMILAR AFFAIR HOSTED BY YEFREMOV LAST NOVEMBER (BERLIN 1834, NOVEMBER 13, 1972) AND WAS ATTENDED ALSO BY SENAT CHANCELLERY HEAD HERZ AND SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELLOR BELETSKIY. BOTH SCHUETZ AND YEFREMOV IN OPENING REMARKS AFFIRMED THEIR DESIRE TO SEE QA STRICTLY ADHERED TO AND FULLY IMPLEMENTED. YEFREMOV ADDED THAT SOVIET UNION DID NOT WISH TO EXTRACT ANYTHING ADDITIONAL FROM AGREEMENT BUT WOULD REGARD ANY DEVIATION FROM IT AS "AN ATTACK ON YOUR RIGHTS." YEFREMOV COMPLAINED ABOUT GOVERNING MAYOR'S ADVICE TO SENAT OFFICIALS ON SOVIET CONTACTS? ALLEGING THAT THIS WOULD INHIBIT EXECUTION OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, WHICH HAD NOT CHANGE. GOVERNING MAYOR ASSURED HIM THAT CONTACT BETWEEN SENAT AND DESIGNATED SOVIET EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES COULD CONTINUE TO INCLUDE BOTH YEFREMOV AND BELETSKIY, AND THAT PURPOSE OF GOVERNING MAYOR'S INSTRUCTION WAS TO CLARIFY DISTINCTION BETWEEN FUNCTION OF AMBASSADOR AND QUESTIONS FOR WHICH CONSULATE GENERAL WAS COMPETENT UNDER QA. HE SAID IT WAS UP TO SOVIETS TO CLARIFY THIS DISTINCTION FOR THEMSELVES.

4. BOTH AT OUTSET OF CONVERSATION AND AGAIN AT END, YEFREMOV COMPLAINED ABOUT ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY IN BERLIN. YEFREMOV NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOVIET SIDE HAD NO OBJECTION TO TIES (VERBINDUNGEN) AS IN QA AND, FOR EXAMPLE, DID NOT OBJECT TO FRG BUDGETARY SUPPORT FOR BERLIN. IN REJECTING YEFREMOV'S ARGUMENT, ON ENVIRONMENT AGENCY SCHUETZ SAID THERE WAS PARALLEL IN ESTABLISHMENT IN BERLIN OF FEDERAL HEALTH AGENCY AND FEDERAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS.

5. LIKE SHARKOV, YEFREMOV EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN EXHIBITIONS AND OTHER EVENTS BUT COULD NOT AGREE THAT ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH BONN. GOVERNING MAYOR'S LONG-PENDING INVITATION TO VISIT MOSCOW WAS DISCUSSED BUT NO PROGRESS WAS MADE IN REGARD TO SCHEUTZ'S INSISTENCE THAT FRG EMBASSY SPONSOR HIM.
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6. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO ABOVE LUNCHESES, SCHUETZ RECENTLY ATTENDED SMALL DINNER, ARRANGED BY INTERMEDIARY INTERESTED IN BRINGING BERLIN PHILHARMONIE TO MOSCOW, AT WHICH YEFREMOV WAS ALSO A GUEST. IT WOULD SEEM THAT ANY BAD FEELINGS ENGENDERED IN COURSE OF SQUABBLE OVER MODALITIES OF SHARKOV'S CALL HAVE NOW BEEN DISSIPATED. KLEIN

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